



NAIT STANDARD

ACCREDITATION OF ENTITIES DEALING WITH NAIT ANIMALS

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GLOSSARY

Term	Definition
Animal Movement	means the movement of one or more NAIT animals between two NAIT locations.
Entities dealing with NAIT animals (EDNA)	means an individual or organisation that trades or processes NAIT animals
Key Personnel	EDNA employees or contractors that will carry out actions in the NAIT Information System or through integrated software such as connected saleyard or meat processor systems.
Information Provider (IP)	means a natural person or a body corporate that is accredited by the NAIT organisation under section 20 to link up with the NAIT Scheme for the purpose of submitting information required to be submitted under this Act, or regulations made under this Act, on behalf of PICAs or PICA delegates
Livestock	means animals kept as part of an agricultural operation, whether for commercial purposes or private use.
Meat Processor	means a place where NAIT animals are slaughtered and dressed for reward or trade
NAIT Animal	means the following animals which belong to a species or sub-group of species listed in Schedule 1 of the NAIT Act: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cattle - All members of the subfamily Bovinae (including Bison and Buffalo that are farmed or kept in captivity), and 1. Deer - All members of the family Cervidae that are farmed or kept in captivity.
NAIT Device	means an animal identification device manufactured or supplied in accordance with standards issued under the NAIT Act.
NAIT Act	The National Animal Identification and Tracing Act 2012 (NAIT Act) is the legislation that provides legal authority for the NAIT Scheme. The NAIT Act sets out the requirements participants in the NAIT Scheme must meet. It also sets up guidance for participants to access data, and for NAIT Ltd to recover costs and enforce obligations.
NAIT Authorised Person	means a person appointed under section 52 of the NAIT Act. A NAIT Authorised Person has the functions and powers to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascertain whether persons participating in the NAIT Scheme are complying with obligations placed on those persons by the Act, • Undertake enforcement of the Act
NAIT Organisation	means the organisation designated as the NAIT organisation by the Minister under section 8 of the NAIT Act
NAIT Officer	means a person appointed under section 52 of the NAIT Act. A NAIT Officer has the functions and powers to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascertain whether persons participating in the NAIT Scheme are complying with obligations placed on those persons by the Act, • Undertake enforcement of the Act. <p>Undertake enforcement of the Act</p>
NAIT Information System	means the information technology system established to receive and retain core data and non-core data
NAIT Ltd	means the company incorporated under company number 2481213. The term NAIT Limited (or NAIT Ltd) is defined in section 4 of the NAIT Act. NAIT Ltd is also referenced as the NAIT Organisation.

Term	Definition
NAIT Location	means a place where: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. one or more NAIT animals are kept or held, and 2. is registered with the NAIT Organisation, and 3. has been issued with a location identifier by the NAIT Organisation.
NAIT Standard or standard	The NAIT Act allows NAIT Limited to issue this standard, which is necessary for the NAIT Scheme to operate. For the purpose of this document 'standard' refers to the NAIT Accreditation Standard for EDNAs.
OSPRI	OSPRI New Zealand Limited was established on 1 July 2012. It currently manages the NAIT, M. bovis and TBfree programmes and works with the farming industry to manage animal disease.
Person In Charge of Animals (PICA)	means a natural person or body corporate in day-to-day charge of a NAIT animal.
Person In Charge of Animals (PICA) Delegate	means a natural person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominated under section 26(2) of the NAIT Act to undertake specified procedures and obligations under the Act on behalf of the PICA, and • Registered as a PICA delegate in the manner provided for in section 27
Relevant Obligations	Relevant obligations include requirements under the NAIT Act, relevant New Zealand legislation and requirements specified under this standard and the NAIT Scheme.
Saleyard	means a facility where livestock are displayed and sold through auction or private sale.
Stock and Station Agent	means a person or business that provides services related to the buying and selling of livestock, rural property, and farm supplies. The entity may be based at a saleyard.

1. INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

1.1. This standard:

1.1.1. Specifies the requirements and performance expected of an individual or organisation seeking accreditation as an EDNA (Entity Dealing with NAIT Animals) under the NAIT Scheme. This ensures that EDNAs consistently fulfil their NAIT obligations and maintain the privacy and security of PICAs information in the NAIT Scheme.

1.1.2. Specifies how an applicant can apply and gain NAIT accreditation as an EDNA.

APPLICATION

1.2. This standard applies to any EDNA seeking accreditation or already accredited as an EDNA, under the NAIT Scheme.

THE NAIT SCHEME

1.3. The NAIT Scheme is the legislated mandatory system used to identify, and trace farmed cattle and deer in New Zealand.

1.4. Section 20 of the NAIT Act authorises the NAIT organisation to accredit entities dealing with NAIT animals

ABOUT THIS STANDARD

1.5. This standard is made under section 19(1) of the NAIT Act.

1.6. It is effective from its date of notification in the New Zealand Gazette.

1.7. It revokes and replaces the NAIT Accreditation Standard for Entities Dealing with NAIT Animals (2022).

1.8. This standard may be updated from time to time by the NAIT Organisation.

1.9. The NAIT Organisation:

1.9.1. Retains the right to contract out parts of this standard including those that relate to the provision of information and training.

1.9.2. Cannot contract out of their administration, compliance and enforcement functions supporting the standard.

2. ACCREDITATION APPLICATION AND REVIEW

APPLICATION

- 2.1. Those that trade or process livestock may apply to the NAIT Organisation to become an accredited EDNA. This includes individuals and organisations that operates premises where NAIT animals are:
 - 2.1.1. Bought and sold (for example, sale yards),
 - 2.1.2. Slaughtered (for example, meat processing facilities),
 - 2.1.3. Exported (for example, a transitional facility or port of export).
- 2.2. Those that wish to assist PICAs with fulfilling their NAIT obligations or undertake actions on behalf of a PICA that includes fulfilling such NAIT obligations may also apply to the NAIT Organisation to become an accredited Information Provider (IP).
- 2.3. To apply for accreditation, the applicant must complete any training required by the NAIT Organisation, and follow the prescribed process published on the OSPRI website.

NAIT ORGANISATION REVIEW

- 2.4. Upon receiving a complete application for accreditation, the NAIT Organisation will review the submission and, where relevant, draw on data from the NAIT Information System and OSPRI records to assess and determine the outcome.
- 2.5. The EDNA has 20 working days from the receipt of the outcome notification to demonstrate that it has addressed any areas of non-conformance identified by the NAIT Organisation. The NAIT Organisation may extend this timeframe if the EDNA has a justifiable reason why the timeframe cannot be met.
 - 2.5.1. To avoid doubt, an EDNA may be required to provide the NAIT Organisation with evidence to demonstrate it has addressed any areas of non-conformance identified in the self-assessment report.
 - 2.5.2. Where accreditation is not granted, the EDNA may reapply for accreditation once the non-conformances have been addressed.

ACCREDITATION PERIOD

- 2.6. The accreditation term is 4 years from the date it is approved by the NAIT Organisation.
 - 2.6.1. As a condition of being granted accreditation, the NAIT Organisation retains the right to require an EDNA to complete a new self-assessment throughout the accreditation period.

3. ACCREDITATION CRITERIA

- 3.1. To become and remain an accredited organisation, an EDNA must meet the accreditation criteria to ensure compliance with the NAIT Act, the NAIT Scheme and ensure NAIT information is managed correctly.

GENERAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.2. All PICAs, including those of EDNAs, must comply with all applicable NAIT obligations.
- 3.3. An EDNA must ensure that public communications, representations, and statements concerning the NAIT Scheme are accurate and consistent with NAIT legislation and this standard

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- 3.4.** An EDNA must maintain a PICA accessible point of contact for the purposes of reporting and resolving incorrectly recorded NAIT Information
- 3.5.** An EDNA must comply with the NAIT Terms of Use.
- 3.6.** An EDNA is required to comply with the NAIT data sharing agreement.

RESOURCES AND CAPABILITY

- 3.7.** An EDNA must maintain sufficient resources to consistently perform NAIT functions. This includes:
- 3.7.1.** Adequate staffing levels to manage NAIT responsibilities,
 - 3.7.2.** Systems to ensure the continuity of operations,
 - 3.7.3.** Devices for scanning/reading the electronic identifiers (EID) of NAIT ear tags.
- 3.8.** An EDNA must ensure that all personnel performing NAIT functions have the competencies necessary to meet the obligations of the NAIT legislation and all applicable NAIT standards. This includes:
- 3.8.1.** Personnel hold the knowledge and skills relevant to their NAIT related tasks,
 - 3.8.2.** Personnel can demonstrate understanding of NAIT requirements when requested.
- 3.9.** An EDNA must adequately manage customer complaints and maintain a customer complaints register.
- 3.10.** An EDNA's complaints management procedure must be made available to customers.
- 3.11.** A copy of any complaint to an EDNA related to NAIT data or the NAIT Scheme must be made available to the NAIT Organisation on request.

DATA QUALITY

- 3.12.** Data may be submitted via either a:
- 3.12.1.** Secure login to the NAIT information system. This includes data entered manually or in bulk via the upload of data files in the NAIT Information System web interface, or
 - 3.12.2.** Application programming interface (API) with the NAIT information system.
- 3.13.** An EDNA must not provide data to the NAIT Organisation using the NAIT Organisation support centre for the normal course of business.
- 3.14.** An EDNA must be able to transfer data which is complete and accurate at the time of submission and will not compromise the integrity of the data or operation of the NAIT information system.
- 3.15.** An EDNA must notify PICAs in advance when they know ahead of time that they will be unable to provide their usual services.
- 3.16.** An EDNA must notify the NAIT Organisation as soon as possible where there is a failure in the process of uploading data to the NAIT information system.
- 3.17.** In regard to Stock and Station Agents and Saleyards, when a sending/receiving PICA requests an EDNA to provide the NAIT number and sub-region of the sending/receiving PICA, the EDNA must provide that information, in a timely manner, if it is available to them.

INCORRECT MOVEMENT DATA

- 3.18.** Where a PICA or the NAIT Organisation advises an EDNA of an incorrectly recorded animal movement, the EDNA must take reasonable steps to resolve the issue within 48 hours.
- 3.19.** If an EDNA is unable to resolve the issue, it must notify the PICA and the NAIT Organisation that the incorrect data cannot be rectified.

NON-SCANNING TAGS

- 3.20.** Where an EDNA is unable to scan a NAIT device on an animal that it receives at a location it operates, then the device must be read visually and, if the animal is not being slaughtered, it must be re-tagged with a functioning NAIT device and that replacement device linked to the animal's NAIT record to maintain traceability of the animal.
- 3.21.** An EDNA is prohibited from removing and replacing an animal's tag without first obtaining the NAIT Organisation's permission to do so unless an enduring power to remove tag has been granted to the EDNA by the NAIT Organisation.

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION USERS

- 3.22.** An EDNA must appoint at least one administrator user.
- 3.23.** The NAIT Organisation will enable the administrator user to access the NAIT information system on the EDNA's behalf.
- 3.24.** An EDNA's administration user is responsible for:
- 3.24.1.** Managing the registration and removal of users,
 - 3.24.2.** Managing registered NAIT numbers for the organisation,
 - 3.24.3.** Managing registered NAIT locations for the organisation, and
 - 3.24.4.** Notifying the NAIT Organisation of any changes to their contact information.

BUSINESS CONTINUITY

- 3.25.** In the event of an emergency, unplanned outage, or systems failure applicants must be able to:
- 3.25.1.** Restore system capability without the loss of data,
 - 3.25.2.** Communicate with PICAs about the emergency, unplanned outage, or system failure if required.

LINKING INTO THE NAIT INFORMATION SYSTEM

- 3.26.** If the NAIT Organisation introduces requirements for third-party software used by an EDNA, they must comply with these requirements.
- 3.27.** An EDNA that links into and accesses the NAIT information system must apply for data access. This applies to new applications only.

4. PERFORMANCE MONITORING

- 4.1.** To ensure compliance with this standard, the NAIT Organisation will monitor the performance of an accredited EDNA as outlined in this section. The NAIT Organisation reserves the right to raise any performance concerns it has with an accredited EDNA and will notify the EDNA of any performance concerns or instances of non-conformance in line with this standard.
- 4.2.** The NAIT Organisation will monitor the performance of an accredited EDNA throughout the period of their accreditation in the following areas:
- 4.2.1.** Ongoing compliance with the accreditation criteria as specified in this standard,
 - 4.2.2.** Ongoing compliance with NAIT legislation,
 - 4.2.3.** Resolution of reported issues and errors,
 - 4.2.4.** Historical performance of the EDNA and its impact on the data integrity of the NAIT information system.

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- 4.3.** The NAIT Organisation may monitor the accredited EDNA's performance in other areas and against other performance indicators, as it deems appropriate.
- 4.4.** The NAIT Organisation will notify the accredited EDNA of any performance concerns identified through its performance monitoring.
- 4.5.** The accredited EDNA will have 10 working days from the receipt of the notification to respond via email to the performance concerns raised by the NAIT Organisation, including the details of how it intends to address the performance concerns.
- 4.6.** If the NAIT Organisation is not satisfied with the accredited EDNA's response to the performance concerns, or if the performance concerns are not addressed, it may choose to perform a performance and quality audit of the accredited EDNA, and/or suspend the EDNA's accreditation.
- 4.7.** The NAIT Organisation may use any compliance method or action specified in this standard to address an issue. This may include immediately revoking accreditation.

NOTICES OF NON-CONFORMANCE

- 4.8.** The NAIT Organisation is empowered to request an accredited EDNA demonstrate its compliance with any aspect of this standard.
- 4.9.** Where the NAIT Organisation determines that an EDNA is not complying with this standard, they may issue a notice of non-conformance to the EDNA.
- 4.10.** The EDNA has 30 working days from when it receives a notice of non-conformance to demonstrate to the NAIT Organisation that it has addressed the area of non-conformance. The NAIT Organisation may extend this timeframe if the EDNA has a legitimate reason why the timeframe cannot be met.
- 4.11.** The NAIT Organisation may suspend or revoke the accreditation of an EDNA that does not provide the required information or otherwise fails to demonstrate that it has adequately addressed the identified areas of non-conformance.

SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF ACCREDITATION

- 4.12.** If an EDNA fails to comply with this standard or the NAIT Act, the NAIT Organisation may suspend or revoke an EDNA's accreditation.
- 4.13.** The NAIT Organisation may suspend or revoke an EDNA's accreditation at a single location, multiple locations, or at an organisation level.

5. RENEWAL OF ACCREDITATION

- 5.1.** An application for renewal of accreditation must:
- 5.1.1.** Be made at least 40 working days before the expiry of the existing accreditation,
 - 5.1.2.** Be supported by a non-refundable payment. The fee payable is available on the OSPRI website, and
 - 5.1.3.** Follow the prescribed renewal of accreditation process on the OSPRI website.
- 5.2.** An EDNA renewing its accreditation must advise the NAIT Organisation of the following changes to:
- 5.2.1.** The primary contact,
 - 5.2.2.** The resources it has available to fulfil its NAIT duties and functions, and
 - 5.2.3.** Any major changes to the organisation since the last accreditation for example, shareholders, ultimate parent, directors and if applicable, senior management (CEO and their direct reports).

5.3. The NAIT Organisation may, at its discretion, decline an EDNA's renewal of accreditation, due to:

5.3.1. Non-compliance with its relevant obligations as defined in the Glossary, this includes obligations under the NAIT Act, regulations, standard, and

5.3.2. The EDNA is under investigation for non-conformance with wider New Zealand regulations.

6. ACCREDITATION REGISTER

6.1. The NAIT Organisation, to ensure transparency will maintain a public register on its website of all accredited EDNAs.

7. USE OF THE NAIT ACCREDITED LOGO

7.1. The NAIT Accredited logo may only be used by accredited entities, with prior written approval from NAIT as outlined below:

7.1.1. To obtain approval, an accredited EDNA can apply for a licence to use the NAIT accredited logo. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, the NAIT Organisation will grant this licence within 48 hours.